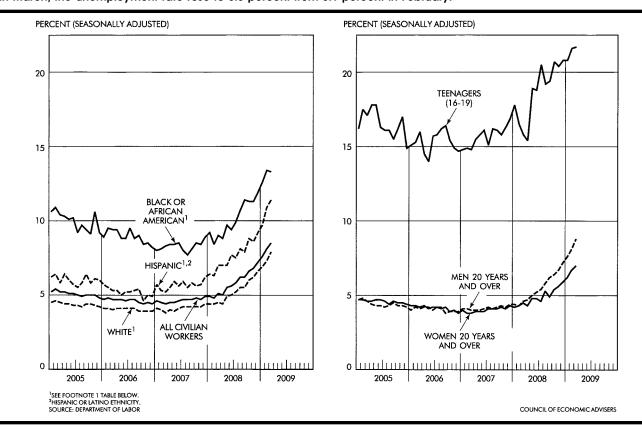
## SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

In March, the unemployment rate rose to 8.5 percent from 8.1 percent in February.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted]

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|        | Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force in group) |                            |                             |                               |                                 |                                   |                                      |                |   |                                      |   |                      |                      |
|        |  |                            | By sex and age              |                               |                                 | By race or ethnicity <sup>1</sup> |                                      |                |   | By selected groups                   |   |                      |                      |
| Period |  | All<br>civilian<br>workers | Men<br>20 years<br>and over | Women<br>20 years<br>and over | Both<br>sexes<br>16–19<br>years | White                             | Black or<br>African<br>Amer-<br>ican | Asian<br>(NSA) | His-<br>panic or<br>Latino<br>ethnicity | Married<br>men,<br>spouse<br>present | Women<br>who<br>maintain<br>families<br>(NSA) | Full-time<br>workers | Part-time<br>workers |
| 1999   |  | 4.2                        | 3.5                         | 3.8                           | 13.9                            | 3.7                               | 8.0                                  |                | 6.4                                     | 2.2                                  | 6.4   | 4.1                  | 5.0                  |
| 2000   |  | 4.0                        | 3.3                         | 3.6                           | 13.1                            | 3.5                               | 7.6                                  | 3.6            | 5.7                                     | 2.0                                  | 5.9   | 3.8                  | 4.8                  |
| 2001   |  | 4.7                        | 4.2                         | 4.1                           | 14.7                            | 4.2                               | 8.6                                  | 4.5            | 6.6                                     | 2.7                                  | 6.6   | 4.7                  | 5.1                  |
| 2002   |  | 5.8                        | 5.3                         | 5.1                           | 16.5                            | 5.1                               | 10.2                                 | 5.9            | 7.5                                     | 3.6                                  | 8.0   | 5.9                  | 5.2                  |
| 2003   |  | 6.0                        | 5.6                         | 5.1                           | 17.5                            | 5.2                               | 10.8                                 | 6.0            | 7.7                                     | 3.8                                  | 8.5   | 6.1                  | 5.5                  |
|        |  | 5.5                        | 5.0                         | 4.9                           | 17.0                            | 4.8                               | 10.4                                 | 4.4            | 7.0                                     | 3.1                                  | 8.0   | 5.6                  | 5.3                  |
|        |  | 5.1                        | 4.4                         | 4.6                           | 16.6                            | 4.4                               | 10.0                                 | 4.0            | 6.0                                     | 2.8                                  | 7.8   | 5.0                  | 5.4                  |
|        |  | 4.6                        | 4.0                         | 4.1                           | 15.4                            | 4.0                               | 8.9                                  | 3.0            | 5.2                                     | 2.4                                  | 7.1   | 4.5                  | 5.1                  |
|        |  | 4.6                        | 4.1                         | 4.0                           | 15.7                            | 4.1                               | 8.3                                  | 3.2            | 5.6                                     | 2.5                                  | 6.5   | 4.6                  | 4.9                  |
| 2008   |  | 5.8                        | 5.4                         | 4.9                           | 18.7                            | 5.2                               | 10.1                                 | 4.0            | 7.6                                     | 3.4                                  | 8.0   | 5.8                  | 5.5                  |
| 2008:  | Mar  | 5.1                        | 4.6                         | 4.5                           | 15.8                            | 4.5                               | 9.0                                  | 3.6            | 7.0                                     | 2.8                                  | 7.1   | 5.0                  | 5.3                  |
|        | Apr  | 5.0                        | 4.7                         | 4.3                           | 15.4                            | 4.4                               | 8.8                                  | 3.2            | 7.0                                     | 2.8                                  | 6.8   | 5.0                  | 5.0                  |
|        | May  | 5.5                        | 5.0                         | 4.8                           | 18.9                            | 4.9                               | 9.7                                  | 3.8            | 7.0                                     | 3.0                                  | 6.9   | 5.5                  | 5.5                  |
|        | June   | 5.6                        | 5.2                         | 4.8                           | 18.8                            | 5.0                               | 9.4                                  | 4.5            | 7.7                                     | 3.1                                  | 7.9   | 5.6                  | 5.4                  |
|        | July   | 5.8                        | 5.4                         | 4.6                           | 20.5                            | 5.2                               | 9.9                                  | 4.0            | 7.5                                     | 3.3                                  | 8.5   | 5.8                  | 5.6                  |
|        | Aug  | 6.2                        | 5.8                         | 5.3                           | 19.2                            | 5.5                               | 10.7                                 | 4.4            | 8.1                                     | 3.7                                  | 9.6   | 6.3                  | 5.7                  |
|        | Sept   | 6.2                        | 6.2                         | 4.9                           | 19.4                            | 5.5                               | 11.4                                 | 3.8            | 7.9                                     | 3.9                                  | 8.2   | 6.3                  | 5.9                  |
|        | Oct  | 6.6                        | 6.4                         | 5.4                           | 20.7                            | 6.0                               | 11.3                                 | 3.8            | 8.8                                     | 4.1                                  | 8.8   | 6.8                  | 5.7                  |
|        | Nov  | 6.8                        | 6.7                         | 5.6                           | 20.4                            | 6.2                               | 11.3                                 | 4.8            | 8.6                                     | 4.2                                  | 9.3   | 7.0                  | 5.8                  |
|        | Dec  | 7.2                        | 7.2                         | 5.9                           | 20.8                            | 6.6                               | 11.9                                 | 5.1            | 9.2                                     | 4.4                                  | 9.5   | 7.5                  | 5.9                  |
| 2009:  | Jan  | 7.6                        | 7.6                         | 6.2                           | 20.8                            | 6.9                               | 12.6                                 | 6.2            | 9.7                                     | 5.0                                  | 10.3  | 8.0                  | 5.9                  |
|        | Feb  | 8.1                        | 8.1                         | 6.7                           | 21.6                            | 7.3                               | 13.4                                 | 6.9            | 10.9                                    | 5.5                                  | 10.3  | 8.6                  | 5.8                  |
|        | Mar  | 8.5                        | 8.8                         | 7.0                           | 21.7                            | 7.9                               | 13.3                                 | 6.4            | 11.4                                    | 5.8                                  | 10.8  | 9.2                  | 5.9                  |

 $<sup>^1\</sup>mathrm{Beginning}$  in 2003, persons who selected this race group only. Prior to 2003, persons who reported more than one race were included in the group they identified as the main race. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

Note.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over. Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.